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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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Ministerial Personals

Four more of the honored veterans of our ministerial fellowship have passed away. Rev. C. J. K. Jones died at Orange, Calif., December 6th, aged seventy-six years. Rev. J. T. Bixby died at Yonkers, N.Y., December 26th, aged seventy-eight years. Rev. Calvin Stebbins died at Framingham, Mass., December 30th, aged eight-four years. Rev. A. M. Judy died at Davenport, Ia., January 2d, aged sixty-seven years.

Rev. C. R. Joy has resigned at Pittsfield, Mass., to accept a call to Dedham, Mass.

Rev. A. N. Kaucher has withdrawn from the charge of the church at Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. P. R. McReynolds has resigned at Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. W. S. Heathcote has taken charge of the church at Ottawa, Can., and Rev. S. D. Butler of the church at Houston, Tex.

Rev. Theodore C. Abel has accepted a call to the new church at Hollywood, Calif., and Rev. L. Hayward of Newburyport has gone for three months to Pasadena, Calif., to help organize a new movement there.

Rev. E. L. Houghton has accepted a call to Haverhill, Mass.

Rev. W. L. Sullivan has offered his resignation to All Souls' Church, New York City, in order that he may accept a commission to be Missionary-at-Large for the Laymen's League.

Rev. Alfred Manchester has withdrawn from the secretaryship of the Committee on the Supply of Pulpits after a faithful and sympathetic service of more than twenty years. He has been the friend of a whole generation of ministers and the wise counsellor of many churches. The Secretary of the Ministerial Union, Rev. H. L. Pickett, will act as Secretary of the Committee until the annual meeting of the Union in May.

Journeys

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, has just returned from a brief trip in the South, meeting appointments at New York, Washington, Charleston, S.C., Jacksonville, Orlando, Tarpon Springs, and St. Petersburg, Fla. Earlier in the month he preached at Concord, Mass., and Providence, R.I.

The Secretary, Mr. Cornish, has met preaching appointments in the past month at Concord, Mass., and the Middlesex School, Newton, Mass.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Dr. Simons, has met appointments at Windsor, Vt., Niagara Falls, Jamestown, and Dunkirk, N.Y., Cleveland, Ohio, and in New York City.

Buildings

The new church building in Niagara Falls, N.Y., was dedicated on Sunday, January 15th, Dr. Simons and Dr. Southworth of Meadville taking part with the minister, Dr. Swift, in the exercises. The new church will provide the needed facilities for work and worship of this rapidly growing young society.

The renovated and rehabilitated meeting-house of the First Parish in Westboro, Mass., was rededicated on January 25th. All the neighboring ministers brought words of congratulation to the pastor, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, and his people, and Rev. E. S. Forbes represented the Association.

The Society in Midland, Mich., has deeded the church property to the Association in trust.

Finances

The months between New Year's and Easter are the harvest time of the churches. This is the special season for increasing the membership of the churches and for supplying the budgets of the national societies. Many churches have adopted the habit of securing the annual contribution for the work of the American Unitarian Association at Easter. That is a good practice in many cases, but this year Easter comes very late, and it is hoped that some assurance will reach the officers of the Association before that time of the continued and generous support of the constituency. The printed appeals and envelopes can be obtained from the Publication Agent at headquarters.

Some of our people seem to imagine that the money contributed to the Campaign cares for the work of the Association. It must be remembered, however, that the Church Extension Fund allotted to the Association by the Campaign Committee cares only for new work in a single department of the Association's activities. All the old and regular channels of usefulness must be supplied from the annual contributions of the churches. Sixty thousand dollars is needed from this source before the fiscal year closes on April 30th.

Only a small number of churches have, as yet, been heard from, but these early returns indicate no falling off in power and generosity. The churches in Newport, R.I., and Petersham, Mass., maintain their former standards. Three contributions have come in from churches on the Pacific Coast that failed to give last year: First, Seattle, Wash., Eugene, Ore., and San José, Calif. The church in Jamaica Plain, Mass., has added more than $100 to its last year's contribution, and the church in Montclair, N.J., continues the steady gain in its gift which has marked the record of the church for the past seven years. Let all the churches now rally their resources and resolve to give their Association prompt, adequate, and hearty support.

Department Of Religious Education

The Evening School for the Training of Teachers in Religious Education, announced last month, held its first session on January 11th. Despite the worst storm of the season, with driving snow and sleet and deep slush everywhere, 26 students, out of a total enrollment of 38, braved the elements and were in attendance. They came not only from near-by churches in Boston and Cambridge, but from Salem, Wollaston, Dover, and other cities and towns. This evidence of interest in the effort to improve the quality of instruction in our church schools is most reassuring. The Tuckerman School is cooperating with the Department in this enterprise, the Dean, Miss Harriet E. Johnson, being on the faculty, and the students enrolled as members of the evening group. Other members of the faculty are the Reverends Arthur C. McGiffert, James A. Fairley, Frank O.

Holmes, and Dr. Florence Buck, Mrs. Eleanor Wood Whitman, the Misses Catherine Beatley, Annie E. Pousland, Margaret Sayward, Ellen P. Lowe, and Edith E. Allen, and Mr. T. Carlton Upham. It is significant that those who have enrolled as students are in large part persons already conspicuously successful as teachers in our church schools, several members of the faculty being also registered as students. Those who have progressed farthest appreciate most keenly the need of further preparation and the added joy of doing this work well.

There are frequent requests at the Circulating Library at 25 Beacon Street for books of stories suitable for the purposes of religious education, especially such as may be used by superintendents in the church school, and for Sunday-afternoon reading in the home. Contributions of such books to the Library, from personal libraries or by providing the means to buy new books, are earnestly requested. A list of books most desired for this purpose may be seen at the library or in the offices of this Department. Any books sent as gifts which are not suitable for this purpose will be given to the school at Shelter Neck or at some other missionary center.

Our field workers are kept constantly employed in giving help to schools needing their services. Miss Henderson is serving our schools in Topeka, Lawrence, and Wichita, in Kansas, from one to four weeks in each place. This Department released Miss Gertrude Taft to the Cleveland church and she is now acting as Director of Religious Education in that school. Miss Ella B. Cook of Trenton, N.J., was appointed field worker in her stead. She served the school at Jamaica Plain during December, and has spent all of January with the church school and young people of our church at Portsmouth, N.H.

The Department has been gradually accumulating books on religious education at its central office and has now a good start for a reference library of unusual value. The American Unitarian Association has recently doubled the shelf space, and the books have been catalogued by Miss Ella B. Cook, who is a trained librarian, so that the library will be more than ever valuable. While it is not feasible to lend these books (copies of many of those most valuable may be borrowed from the Lending Library at 25 Beacon Street), any one interested will be welcome to use them in our office, where every convenience for study is provided.

Mr. Fairley reports preaching at Toms River, N.J., and addressing the Alliance at Rutherford. He is actively promoting the Metropolitan Conference and a Superintendents' Conference, both of which are promising attempts to bring our Greater New York churches into closer and more effective coöperation, and is making a study of Dr. Wilbur's manuscript on *Our Religious Inheritance,* which is approaching completion.

Dr. Buck is making a survey of our school at the First Church, Providence, devoting the January Sundays to that work. She has addressed the Boston Evening Alliance and the Alliances at Providence, Hingham, and the Second Church, Boston, and preached at Springfield, Mass. In addition, she gave four lecture-lessons at the evening school. Dr. Lawrance preached at Concord, Uxbridge, Mendon, and Dorchester, and spoke at an evening meeting at Brockton and at the Boston Sunday School Union.

Special Price on Hymn Book

Publication Department

Through a special arrangement with the bindery, we are able to offer a limited number of the Hymn and Tune Book with

Services, cloth covers, at a reduction of 15 per cent. from the regular price while the present consignment holds out. This book sells at $1.40 in quantities, but we are offering it at $1.25. The prices of the other editions of this book remain as usual.

Our Free Tracts

It is needless to say that we have both favorable and unfavorable criticisms of our free tracts. The favorable comments come very largely from non-Unitarians, who often speak in enthusiastic terms of the substance and appearance of our free material, which they say is far superior in quality, quantity, and appearance to that issued by any other denomination. On the other hand, some of our people think that the tracts are too stereotyped in form, that they should have more fancy covers, and should be printed on even better paper than is now used. When we consider, however, that we distribute anywhere from a quarter to a half million of these pamphlets every year, we must realize that these tracts must be set up with some thought of expense if we are to keep within the bounds of reason in publishing them. The free delivery of these tracts alone costs us hundreds of dollars every year.

THE CALL OF THE BISHOPS

As Heard by American Protestants

(R. F. N. A. No. 10)

By Francis G. Peabody

The "Appeal for a United Christendom," as issued by the Lambeth Conference, is no doubt sincere in its intention and candid in its declarations. If, however, any communion deliberately attempts to claim for itself an exclusive authority of tradition and practice, then the March of Protestantism, though sadly obstructed, must proceed on its own "Great Adventure of Good Will."

This pamphlet deserves the attention of every friend of Christian Unity. It sets forth with equal clearness and goodwill the feelings with which many American Protestants have received the Appeal for a United Christendom, issued by the Lambeth Conference. It describes the convictions and usages of those to whom the appeal is addressed and suggests a "more excellent way."—S. A. E.

JESUS AND HIS PLACE IN UNITARIAN THOUGHT

(R. F. N. A. No. 9)

By Abraham M. Rihbany

For the last four hundred years there has been constant progress toward rationalizing theology, politics, and social codes. The Unitarians have no authoritative creed concerning Jesus. Constructive scholarship has been endeavoring to establish his real place in history. The Unitarians are committed to the acceptance of the valid conclusions of this scholarship. But spiritually speaking, they hold the Seer of Galilee in reverential regard as their supreme spiritual hero and teacher. Our reverence for him is also reverence for what is noblest in ourselves.

The above tracts are published for free distribution in reasonable quantities.
(Please order them by number, and not by title)

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The Membership Campaign

James Freeman Clarke has said: "The Church alone, of all human institutions, speaks to us of immortality, of heaven, of an infinite Father and Friend. It alone supplies the deepest need of the human heart, and is therefore built on a rock; and, no matter what storms of revolution or floods of change may come, it will not fall. The rock on which the Church stands is not a creed nor a miracle, not a pope nor a priest, not ceremony nor habit, but the everlasting need felt by the earthly child for his heavenly Father."

What could be better said in urging our women everywhere to join in the active work of securing church members? I call these words to your attention with the full assurance that you will respond and that you will help in every way to strengthen the foundations of our churches.

Lucy Lowell,
President of The Alliance.

Social Service Council

The Social Service Council of Unitarian Women, after ten years of effort to help vitalize our Unitarian faith, sees results.

The summer activities at Norfolk House Centre are thoroughly organized. The usual classes in cooking and cobbling have been well attended. Stories have been told to boys and girls twice a week. The Little Housekeepers' class was held every morning except Saturday, for five weeks. After that these children were cared for on the playground, which is supported by Chestnut Hill and the Council, and on trips to the Children's Museum, the Art Museum, Nantasket, and the Public Gardens. The mothers of the neighborhood consider themselves fortunate in being able to send their children where, as they say, "they will be safe and happy."

For the past two years the Young Men's Christian Union has allowed groups of children to use their camp at Manomet. Some of the children have saved money for these outings; others were helped by the Council. We have also contributed, for several years, toward the expense of the summer gardens.

At the North End Union and Bulfinch Place Church, stress has been laid upon getting acquainted with our foreign-born neighbors, accepting the best of their traditions and making known our ideals of universal democracy.

At the North End Union, classes for the teaching of English to men and women are held through the entire year, with a record attendance last summer. The men prepared for citizenship by Mr. Malgeri have become naturalized. The revival of the family balls was a success, and more are planned for this winter. The Mothers' Club meets every week during the season, the children they are obliged to bring being cared for in a playroom. We need toys, unbreakable dolls, and rubber playthings for the babies. Taking care of the children is a vital part of the work. We need volunteers to help.

We are fortunate in having a case worker who brings the needs of the community to the organizations established for their care, such as the hospitals, the courts, all welfare societies, and coöperates with them.

The Dietetic Clinics, for which we

furnish half the money, are held every Thursday afternoon during the year for pre-school-age children. A few Alliances have made proper clothing that may be sold for small sums, or given, if need be, to the mothers for their children. We might do so much more! The last Annual Report of the Baby Hygiene Association tells us that there are twenty-one stations in Boston, and the North End Union has the largest number attending the clinics—1,521.

The new work at Bulfinch Place Church, similar to that at the North End Union, is progressing more rapidly because of the experience gained in ten years' acquaintance with the foreign-born.

The Children's Hour Monday afternoon; the Friendship Club Wednesday evening; some evening gatherings; the Vacation Playroom held for two summers; the wonderful little play given by the children,—all these resulted in nineteen mothers gathering for a prospective club.

At both the North End Union and Bulfinch Place Church, classes in Italian for the children are held to cement the bond between the old country and the new, our object being to hold the family together. For the same purpose, friendly calls are made in both neighborhoods by the workers.

Our first budget was about $800—the last, proposed at the Annual Meeting, January 5th, was $4,500.

Many Alliances have not increased their original gifts for the work; some have never contributed. In order to continue this local Unitarian work and have it grow, the Social Service Council needs the coöperation of all the Greater Boston branches. "The American people are becoming ever more and more a new people, with new ideals and aspirations. Let us not try to bind the new-comers to fit our past standards, but rather let us seek ourselves to embrace those new ideals in which all can unite."

STELLA RUSSELL ROOT,
President.

(The Social Service Council is an independent organization of Unitarian Women in and near Boston, formed "to unite for greater effectiveness the women of our liberal churches who engage in social and public service." With it the Social Service Committee of The Alliance is glad to coöperate. The above story is printed not only because it is a remarkable showing, but also because it is full of helpful suggestions.)

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held in Boston, January 13, Miss Lowell presiding, with thirty present. Mrs. Bonny came from Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Trefts from Hamburg, N.Y., and Mrs. Southworth from Meadville, Pa., to give in person the story of their several branches. There were also present representatives from New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Rev. Florence Buck was present by invitation.

Mrs. Davis sent her affectionate greetings to the Board.

Miss Lowell conducted the devotional service. She reported greetings from France, England, Australia, many branches in the United States and Canada, and from the President of the Laymen's League to The Alliance with best wishes for a new year made happy by new successes.

The coöperative advertising of the Post Office Mission was reported to have been most successful, 1,928 names having been received and assigned.

On the recommendation of the Appeals committee, an Appeal for $350 for Victoria, B.C., was endorsed to be put before the branches.

The Library committee reported a

gift of books from the library of Miss Lilian Freeman Clarke, and money for books from King's Chapel and Bulfinch Place Alliance, a much needed atlas from the Post Office Mission of the Second Church, Boston, and a gift of one of Dr. Slicer's books from All Souls', New York.

The International committee gave an interesting report of the work carried on in Florence, Italy, by Professor Puglisi. A letter recently received from him tells of an enthusiastic meeting of the Association for Moral and Religious Progress, with prominent people in attendance. A rapid increase in interest is reported since April. The Board voted to send greetings and best wishes to Signora Puglisi, who directs the women's movement and is active in spreading our ideals among girl students.

Word has been received that Mrs. Bernard Allen, President of the British League, has had to cancel all engagements to secure a complete and prolonged rest. A message of love and sympathy was voted Mrs. Allen.

A letter from Miss Elizabeth Fangh, Secretary of our Hungarian branch of the International Union, spoke with great appreciation of what is done for them. Mrs. St. John has received $147 for Hungarian children since January 3. Money should be sent at once to be used while Mr. Hankinson remains in Budapest. He will return to England the last of March. A prompt response will save the lives of more children. (See WORD AND WORK for January.)

The Board voted to endorse the plan of the Isles of Shoals committee to ask the branches for articles for a sale as last year, the proceeds to go towards the upkeep of the hotel at Star Island.

The Social Service committee was authorized to send out to the branches a circular letter and questionnaire.

Miss Lowell announced the following committees: May Meetings, Miss Sears, *Chairman;* Mmes. Phalen, Phillips, Southworth, Atherton, J. A. Bailey, Stella P. Beard. Manual: Mrs. Noyes, *Chairman;* Mmes. Churchill, Daniels, Mallett.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. Emerson P. Harris and Mrs. Robert Lynn Cox by the Alliance at Montclair, N.J.

The resignation of Mrs. Joseph May of Philadelphia was accepted with appreciation of her service. Mrs. A. D. Warner of Wilmington, Del., was elected to succeed Mrs. May as director of the Eastern Pennsylvania district.

A telegram of greeting was voted to the New York League of Unitarian Women, who were having a luncheon the day of the Board Meeting.

Dr. Buck spoke with appreciation of the coöperation of The Alliance with the Religious Education Department in paying the expenses of the Sunday School Field Workers.

It was voted that the New England Vice-President, Miss Whitman, should convey greetings to any of our fellow-workers in France and England whom she may meet in the trip she is about to take.

Reports from Middle States and Canada showed much coöperation between the local branch and the chapter of the Laymen's League.

At the next meeting, February 10, reports are due from the Pacific Coast and six Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Committee on Young People

Letters of greeting will be welcomed by two new Junior Alliances, in Augusta, Me., and in Newton, Mass. The group in Maine has eighteen members, and the officers are as follows: *Pres.,* Miss Eleanor Wilcox; *Vice-Pres.,* Miss Barbara Burr; *Sec.,*

Miss Frances Pishon, Winthrop Street; *Treas.*, Miss Dorothy Marble. For the Newton group, letters may be sent to Miss Alice Barney, 20 Braemore Road.

Miss Pfleghaar of the Young People's Religious Union, who is a member of this committee, sends the following suggestion for our young people and all who are interested in them:

They Will Respond

Many persons interested in our Unitarian young people have asked the question, "In what can you interest our young people?" My reply to this is, "In the study of Unitarianism." "But do they respond to this suggestion?" then asks the inquirer. And I answer by telling of my recent experiences with some of our young people's societies. When talking to them I begin by telling some of the remarks I have heard made by our own Unitarian young people. This one is typical: A non-Unitarian said to a Unitarian, "I don't believe anything." "Then," said the Unitarian, " you are a Unitarian." I next ask them the question, "How can you ever hope to interest other young people in your church if you yourselves do not know the fundamental purposes for which it stands?"

Then I suggest that they secure from the American Unitarian Association the twenty pamphlets known as "A Study of Unitarianism," giving each member of the society a pamphlet to read, and asking each one to report on it at the next meeting. These papers have been written by some of our leading men and are very enlightening and worth-while. Another way to approach this subject is to make a comparative study of religions.

You may then ask the very natural question, "Do the young people respond to the above suggestions?" Most certainly they do, for the simple reason that nine-tenths of the members of our young people's societies have never discussed or thought about this subject. In practically every group where I have suggested this study, a vote has been passed that the Secretary shall send for these pamphlets.

I believe the big thing to emphasize in our young people's societies throughout the coming year is the discussion and greater understanding of Unitarianism. Young people can recruit other young people to our churches if they themselves are filled with a genuine enthusiasm for our faith and all for which it stands.

From the Treasurer

The addition of over 1,600 members to The Alliance last year indicates a quickening of the religious spirit among the women of our churches comparable to that which the Laymen's League is arousing among the men of our faith. Nearly $287,000 was raised by the branches last year, a sum—exceeding by $60,000 that of the previous year—which tells of greatly increased strength and vigor in our working forces. Let those interested to know how this sum was used study the Manual tables, which show that the larger portion went for the support of the home churches and for social service. The sum sent in response to the Appeals presented by the Executive Board tells a splendid story of the result of our united missionary effort.

This year the Committee on Appeals has recommended a longer list than ever before. The Executive Board, believing that the loyalty and interest in the branches will meet the needs before the end of the financial year, has approved the list until the sums asked amount to $10,600. Branches before voting away their money should carefully consider these Appeals, remembering that all have been thoroughly studied and the need

and amount fully commended. All branches receive many worthy calls for help outside this approved list, but unless each branch does its share and responds to all Appeals to the full extent of its ability we cannot attain the goal of our missionary endeavor for the year.

A Special Word to Treasurers

You are reminded that the end of the financial year will soon be here. All membership dues and all sums to be counted in this year's report must be in the hands of the Treasurer before April 30. Do not hestitate to remind members who have not paid their dues for the year that unless they do so soon they cannot be counted in this year's membership and your branch will not be credited with its full quota.

In forwarding dues, please be sure to state the number of members in your branch, those who pay the local fee as well as those who pay the regular dollar. Both classes must be counted in making up the dues. Assuming a branch has 63 members, 48 of whom pay only a local fee of 50 cents while the remaining 15 pay the regular dollar fee, the dues are reckoned thus:

15 members at $1.00	=	$15.00
48 members at $0.50	=	24.00
63 members pay		$39.00

One-third of $39 equals $13, which is the amount due the general treasury. Life membership in The Alliance does not constitute membership in a branch, and for such as well as for honorary members one-third dues should be forwarded.

Please send all remittances for membership dues and in response to Appeals to the Treasurer at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Please do not send separate checks for separate items, but include all in one check. Please do not include in your remittance sums designated for other than Alliance objects. Names and addresses of treasurers of allied societies may be found in the Manual, page 25 and pages 139–143.

It is a pleasure to answer any questions regarding your work or to help in any way in coördinating your work and mine.

Lucia Clapp Noyes,
Treasurer.

Shelter Neck, N.C.

A gift which was greatly needed and is much appreciated by all of the people who gather at Shelter Neck Church and Schoolhouse for religious services and recreation was presented by Mrs. Howard W. Bracken at Christmas time. Two hanging Aladdin lamps, one for the Church and one for the Schoolhouse, brighten up the corners which before were dark and full of shadows. No one who has not attended our Saturday evening parties and our Sunday evening sings can fully realize the joy of being able to see in any part of the room, and also the relief of not being obliged to carry over lamps from Dix House every time we need illumination. We are very grateful to this good friend, and we feel sure our friends will rejoice with us. The school work is going along very smoothly, with an enrollment of fifty children. Our Christmas celebrations, which included a pageant, the usual tree, and entertainment, were greatly enjoyed by two large audiences. The sale of fagots this year did not net us as much as last year, although about as many were sent North, owing to the amount of postage we paid. In this connection, may we ask any one who has not received the fagots ordered to write us at once. And if they cannot be traced, we shall be glad to make them good.

Jeanette B. Damon,
Superintendent.

Monday Conference

At the next meeting, February 6, at 10.30 A.M., at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham will speak on the League of Nations at Work.

On March 6 Mrs. Fanny B. Ames will speak on The Alliance Study-program.

HELEN C. MCCLEARY,
Secretary.

Notes from the Branches

Tulsa, Okla. Organized April, 1921, 13 active members and 1 associate. Meetings every other week, one all-day sewing and business meeting, one for study,—subject, Citizenship. The branch makes garments for local charities, Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Public Health Nurse, etc. A silver collection is taken for a remembrance fund to buy flowers for the sick. "We are but a small and young branch, but every member is interested and the spirit of enthusiastic coöperation is most evident in all our work."

The *Stoneham, Mass.*, Alliance reports a most successful Christmas Fair, and wishes to thank the sister branches which contributed so generously to the handkerchief booth.

The new series of Services and Hymns for Alliance Meetings will be ready about February 1. The book will contain five opening services, longer than those of the first series, and twenty selected hymns. The cost will be 5 cents per copy. Apply to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The address of Miss Effie E. Whitman, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, until further notice will be 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The address of Rev. John L. Robinson, formerly our faithful minister at Swansboro, N.C., is now 1693 Lawrence Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

A New Appeal

An Appeal for $350 has been asked by the church at Victoria, B.C., for the addition of two small rooms or ell to their church, one to be used as a minister's study, and the other as a kitchenette. By the unanimous vote of the Committee on Appeals and of the Executive Board this Appeal is recommended to the branches, for we should like to help our loyal friends in far-away Victoria.

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Chairman Committee on Appeals.

Send money for Hungarian Relief to Mrs. C. E. St. John, The Ranelegh, Boston 17, Mass.

Send money for L'Enfant de France, Mme. Loyson, to Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Send clothing, Klim, etc., for Mme. Loyson, in care of her sister, Mrs. Hudson Chapman, 1128 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$179
Meadville Students	76
Pacific School Students	88
Tuckerman School	112
Carolina Industrial School	1,306
Southern Circuit	736
Japan Mission	425
Jacksonville, Fla.	350
Orlando, Fla.	370
Westboro, Mass.	387
Sunday School Worker	871
Work of Committees	1,037
Work in Italy	487
Victoria, B.C.	350

The resignation of Mrs. C. W. Gerould from the Central Post Office Mission committee was accepted with sincere regret. Miss Elizabeth Ward of Brookline, Mass., was elected a member of the Committee on Young People, and Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Jr., of Berkeley, Calif., a member of the Friendly Links Committee.

Young People's Religious Union

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Northern California Federation

The most recently formed Federation of the Young People's Religious Union held a most interesting meeting in the First Unitarian Church at Oakland, Calif., on Sunday evening, November 13. The meeting began at 5.30 with a few words of welcome from the Rev. Clarence Reed, who brought also a telegraphic greeting from Mr. Wetherell, whose absence in the Northwest prevented his being present. Mr. Charles Gates, president of the Federation, presided. He read another telegram of congratulation and greeting from the South Middlesex Federation, the oldest Federation in the organization, who were meeting on the same date in Somerville, Mass.

The president spoke of the ideals and purposes of the Federation and then proceeded at once to the business of the meeting. The directors of the Federation presented for consideration a constitution for the organization, and this was taken up for action by the whole meeting, provoking lively and interesting discussion.

After an informal supper the group then assembled again in the church auditorium, and was joined by other members of both the Berkeley and Oakland congregations. Mr. Charles Gates conducted a short devotional service and introduced the Rev. Robert F. Leavens, who gave a most stimulating and inspiring address on "Pioneers."

The officers of the Federation are as follows: President, Charles Gates of San Francisco (Starr King Society); Vice-President, William Van Ewert of Stanford University; Secretary, Henricka Iliohan of Oakland; Treasurer, Milen Dempster of the Channing Club, Berkeley; Directors: the above-named, with Mildred Sharrer, representative from Starr King Society, William R. Cole, Jr., representative of the Channing Club, A. H. Onthank, National Director Y. P. R. U., Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Jr., Pacific Coast Field Secretary Y. P. R. U., and Miss Dorothy Dyar, Pacific Coast Vice-President Y. P. R. U.

Western Massachusetts Federation of Unitarian Young People

Greetings are extended to the new Federation of young people of the Western Massachusetts churches, which was formed last fall. Mr. Samuel Wells of Deerfield is President of this organization, and has also been elected a Director of the National Young People's Religious Union. The other officers are as follows: Donald Thompson of Northfield, Vice-President; Florence Wright of Bernardston, Treasurer; and Elsie Erhart of Greenfield, Secretary. Meetings have been held at Deerfield, Greenfield, and Northampton, and have been attended by nearly one hundred enthusiastic delegates. Already the members of this Federation are discussing ways and means to send representatives to the May Meetings and to the Conference at the Isles of Shoals, and they are anxious to form "Friendly Links" with other young people's groups in the far West or South.

Young People's Week at Star Island

At this time the opportunity is again taken to remind the Unions in regard to Young People's Week at the Isles of Shoals. This week will occur from July 22 to 29, and it is earnestly hoped that each Union will arrange to send at least one delegate. Begin to make plans NOW!

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